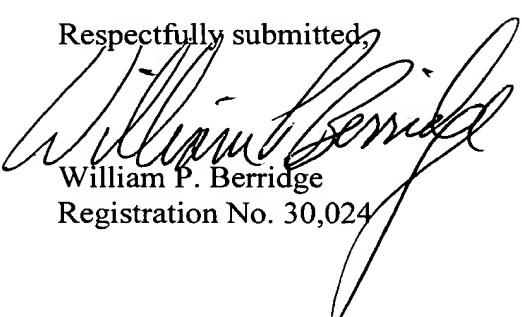


The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

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APPENDIX

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## APPENDIX

## Changes to Claims:

The following are marked-up versions of the amended claims:

5. (Amended) An assembly according to ~~claim 1any preceding claim~~, characterized in that the means for resiliently urging the body (K) of the syringe into the protection position comprise a thrust spring (R) designed to bear both against the flange (CL) of the body (K) of the syringe and also against an internal bearing shoulder (3E) formed in the sheath (1) between the bearing shoulder (4E) for the flange and the distal end of the sheath (1).

6. (Amended) An assembly according to ~~claim 1any preceding claim~~, characterized in that the cap (8) has means for securing it to the plunger (P).

7. (Amended) An assembly according to ~~claim 1any preceding claim~~, characterized in that the cap (8) and the proximal end of the sheath comprise complementary means (7, 11; 38, 39, 47) for limiting the stroke of the cap (8) in opposition to the resilient force of the means for returning the body (K) after the locking means (6; 33, 34) have been released.

10. (Amended) An assembly according to ~~claim 1any preceding claim~~, characterized in that the sheath (1) and the cap (8) are generally in the form of bodies of revolution and have complementary means (13, 13A; 15, 41, 42) for preventing relative rotation between each other.

12. (Amended) An assembly according to ~~claim 10 or claim 3 and 10 taken together~~, characterized in that the complementary means for preventing relative rotation of the sheath and the cap comprise at least one axial slot (41, 42) formed in the cap (8) and co-operating with a fin (15).

13. (Amended) An injection device comprising a prefilled syringe (S) for injecting liquid, the syringe comprising a tubular body (K) forming a reservoir for the liquid, carrying a needle (A) for injecting the liquid, and having a plunger (P) mounted in the body (K) to be movable between a ready position and an end-of-injection position, and a safety assembly according to ~~claim 1 or any one of claims 1 to 12~~.

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